

Commercial New Construction

Frequently asked questions

At PSE, we want our customers to have the information and support needed to get the most out of our energy-management programs. Thank you for being an important part of our energy-saving efforts. Below is a list of frequently asked questions that we receive from customers about our Commercial New Construction program.

Q: If my new commercial building is built to current code standards, can I receive an incentive?

A: No. This program awards incentives for installing systems that exceed code efficiency requirements.

Q: My building is under 50,000 square feet. Can I still participate in a whole-building incentive option?

A: Yes. If your building exceeds Washington State Energy Code (WSEC) in multiple areas and you anticipate at least 10% savings compared to code, you can participate in our EUI performance method. More info [here](#): [pse.com > business > efficiency & green options > new construction > commercial new construction grants > how you apply](#).

Q: I have an energy model for my proposed building, but it reflects an early design. Can I still use it for the energy model approach?

A: No. The submitted energy model must reflect the proposed design as accurately as possible. More information regarding energy model requirements can be found [here](#): [pse.com > business > efficiency & green options > new construction > commercial new construction grants > how you apply](#).

Q: My building will have renewable generation, does that count toward my energy savings?

A: No. PSE efficiency incentives can only be applied to energy-efficiency measures, not energy generation.

Q: I have a multifamily new construction project. Can I participate in this program?

A: No. We have a separate Multifamily New Construction program that provides design advice and real-time energy modeling. They also offer higher incentives for affordable housing projects. More information can be found [here](#): [pse.com > business > efficiency & green options > new construction > multifamily projects](#).

Q: My new building will not save 10% at a whole-building level, but there are certain systems that exceed code. Can I still participate in this program?

A: Yes. For projects that have lighting systems that exceed code you can apply for a lighting-only incentive using our **Business Lighting application**: [pse.com > business > efficiency & green options > business incentives > lighting > business lighting incentive program](#).

For non-lighting high-efficiency systems, you can participate in our new construction component approach. Learn more [here](#): [pse.com > business > efficiency & green options > new construction > commercial new construction grants > how you apply](#).

Q: What are common efficiency measures seen in this program?

A: There are many systems that could qualify for incentives, including but not limited to the following:

- HVAC
 - DOAS with heat recovery effectiveness greater than 50%
 - High-efficiency condensing boilers
 - Air/water/ground-source heat pumps
 - Advanced HVAC controls
 - Demand control ventilation
 - High-efficiency heat recovery chillers
- Lighting
 - LED fixtures and LED fixtures with automatic controls
 - LLLC controls (occupancy, daylighting, zone controls)
 - Exterior LED fixtures and network lighting controls
 - Lighting components, CFL-LED lamps and HID-LED lamps
 - TLED lamp replacements
- Envelope
 - Roof/wall insulation that exceeds code requirements
 - Windows that exceed code requirements

Q: What's the best way to learn more about this program?

A: Full program details are available on our [website](#), as well as downloads with program details and requirements for all program options: [pse.com > business > efficiency & green options > new construction > commercial new construction grants](#).

If you have additional questions you can contact a PSE Energy Advisor at 1-800-562-1482, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pacific.



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